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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Grimsley) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (350294) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 26 and 27
5 insert:

6 Section 2. Section 316.565, Florida Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 316.565 Emergency transportation, agricultural products
9 ~~perishable food~~; establishment of weight loads, etc.—

10 (1) The Governor may declare an emergency to exist when



11 there is a breakdown in the normal public transportation
12 facilities necessary in moving agricultural products, as defined
13 in s. 604.60, ~~perishable food crops~~ grown in the state. The
14 Department of Transportation is authorized during such emergency
15 to establish such weight loads for hauling over the highways
16 ~~from the fields or packinghouses to the nearest available public~~
17 ~~transportation facility~~ as circumstances demand. The Department
18 of Transportation may issue, and any law enforcement officer
19 authorized to enforce the traffic laws of this state may accept,
20 electronic verification of permits during such an emergency. A
21 permit issued pursuant to this section is valid for up to 60
22 days; however, the validity of the permit may not exceed the
23 period of the declared state of emergency or any extension
24 thereof. The Department of Transportation shall designate
25 special highway routes, excluding the interstate highway system,
26 to facilitate the trucking and render any other assistance
27 needed to expedite moving the agricultural products ~~perishables~~.

28 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature in this chapter to
29 supersede any existing laws when necessary to protect and save
30 any agricultural products ~~perishable food crops~~ grown in the
31 state and give authority for agencies to provide necessary
32 temporary assistance requested during any such emergency. The
33 department shall consult with the Department of Agriculture and
34 Consumer Services and stakeholders in the agricultural industry
35 in implementing this section.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete line 2726



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40 and insert:
41 structures used in citrus production; amending s.
42 316.565, F.S.; revising the Governor's authority, to
43 include agricultural products instead of only
44 perishable food, in declaring an emergency relating to
45 the transport of such products when there is a
46 breakdown in the normal public transportation
47 facilities necessary to move such products;
48 authorizing the Department of Transportation to issue,
49 and specified law enforcement officers to accept,
50 electronic verification of permits during a declared
51 state of emergency; providing that such permits are
52 valid for up to a specified period of time, but no
53 longer than the duration of the declared state of
54 emergency or any extension thereof; requiring the
55 Department of Transportation to consult with the
56 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and
57 stakeholders in the agricultural industry in
58 implementing emergency transportation assistance for
59 agricultural products; amending s.